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## **IDOT successfully clears all Interstates and State Routes after devastating Storms**

***Agency serves as vital partner to affected Local agencies in ongoing effort***

Murphysboro, IL—In the wake of severe storms ripping through Southern Illinois, the Illinois Department of Transportation has been out in full force to ensure roadways are open to the motoring public. As of Sunday, all Interstate and State Highways are clear and open to traffic.

“Our employees have really come through during this difficult time and illustrate the best of public service,” IDOT Secretary Gary Hannig said. “Having every interstate and state route already open after those devastating storms was a real team effort. We will now be able to assist local agencies in their clean-up efforts.”

IDOT deployed a full response of employees, trucks, and heavy equipment to remove debris and open all interstates and state routes. The department will continue to remove debris from the state right of way during the coming weeks and assist the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and local agencies in the ongoing storm cleanup.

“IDOT will remain vigilant in its efforts to completely remove debris from the affected areas. Effective today, IDOT will be in full force to assist IEMA and local agencies in their storm cleanup effort,” said IDOT Regional Engineer Mary Lamie.

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